

**House Resolution**

**No. 12**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Campos**

May 2, 2011

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House Resolution No. 12—Relative to Lupus Awareness Month.

1 WHEREAS, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, commonly  
2 known as lupus, is a chronic, complex, and often life-threatening  
3 autoimmune disease; and  
4 WHEREAS, Researchers estimate that five million people have  
5 been diagnosed with lupus or related diseases throughout the world,  
6 and approximately 100,000 more are diagnosed every year; and  
7 WHEREAS, More people have lupus than AIDS, Cerebral Palsy,  
8 Sickle Cell Anemia, Multiple Sclerosis, and Cystic Fibrosis  
9 combined; and  
10 WHEREAS, Lupus strikes women in their prime, when they  
11 are 15 to 44 years of age, and it affects all aspects of their lives;  
12 and  
13 WHEREAS, Lupus impacts more than just the life of the patient,  
14 it affects their family, friends, coworkers, employers, and the  
15 community; and  
16 WHEREAS, Lupus Foundation of Northern California in San  
17 Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego, and  
18 Lupus-LA in Los Angeles were founded as 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
19 organizations to alleviate suffering for lupus patients through  
20 patient and family services, achieve early detection of undiagnosed  
21 cases through awareness promotion, and achieve the eradication  
22 of lupus by supporting lupus research; and

1 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and proper treatments are critical  
2 to the improvement of the quality of life and survival rate of lupus  
3 sufferers; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased public awareness, education, and research  
5 are key to winning the battle against lupus; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
7 Assembly proclaims May 2011 as Lupus Awareness Month and  
8 extends heartfelt wishes to Lupus Foundation of Northern  
9 California in San Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California  
10 in San Diego, and Lupus-LA in Los Angeles for success in their  
11 core objectives in the future; and be it further

12 *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
13 of this resolution to Lupus Foundation of Northern California in  
14 San Jose, Lupus Foundation of Southern California in San Diego,  
15 Lupus-LA in Los Angeles, and to the author for appropriate  
16 distribution.